Assessment on the health care services in Tihar Jail

1235. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of deaths in the city's Tihar Jail due to various illnesses during the year 2000 as compared to the deaths in 1999;

(b) whether Government have made any critical assessment of the health care services provided in the Tihar Jail for the inmates;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) What measures have been taken by Government to improve it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of persons lodged in the Central Jail, Tihar who died after illness in the year 2000 was 24 as against 21 in the preceding year.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Due to their socio-cultural background, a number of prisoners in Delhi Jails are afflicted with diseases like tuberculosis, hepatitis and drug addiction prior to the confinement. The Prison Administration has set up two Directly Observed Therapy Centres (DOTCs) for tuberculosis patients in Central Jail Hospital and Female Jail in which Specialist Doctors attend to the patients. The Hospital has investigation facilities like X-ray, sputum examination and blood examination. Three de-addiction centres and two rehabilitation centres are also being run in Delhi Prisons for de toxification and rehabilitation of the drug addicts under the supervision of Medical Specialists, Psychiatrists and NGOs. The patients with serious illness are also referred to RBTB Hospital and DDU Hospital as and when required.

News-item "Musharraf Mum on Militancy"

1236. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item under the heading "Musharraf Mum on Militancy" in Times of India dated 16th January, 2001;

(b) whether it is not a serious threat to India from Pakistan side; and

(c) what measures Government propose to take to deal with militancy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government have seen

the news- item which appeared in the Times of India dated 16.1.2001 captioned "Musharraf Mum on Militancy."

(b) and (c) Government are firmly resolved to take all necessary measures to preserve the security and territorial integrity of the country and to defeat Pakistan sponsored cross border terrorism. With a view to deal with the cross border terrorism the Government has adopted a multi-pronged approach which includes, inter-alia, strengthening the border management, neutralising plans of the militants by appropriate action against them in the hinterland, gearing up intelligence machinery, greater functional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups at the UHQ and lower levels, improved technology, weapons and equipments for Security Forces, closer vigil on the border, establishment of more naka parties in depth areas to check infiltration/exfiltration, police pickets, intensive patrolling etc.

Crimes in Delhi

1237. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the incidents of rapes, thefts, decoities, kidnappings and lootings during the last three months in Delhi;

(b) the details in this regard, region-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to prevent these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The requisite information is given as under:

Crime Head	Nov. 2000	Dec. 2000	Jan. 2001
Rape	26	11	21
Theft	1703	1921	1594
Decoity	5	7	1
Robbery	67	61	68
Kidnapping	81	83	84

(b) The requisite information is given in the attached statement (*See* below).

(c) The steps taken by Delhi Police to improve the crime situation in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include intensification of beat patrolling;